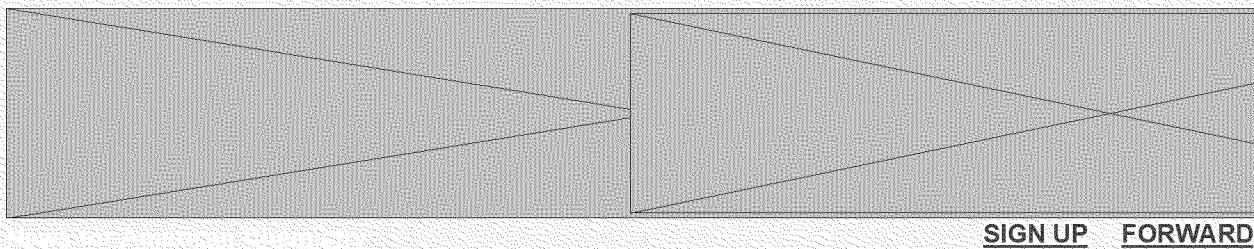


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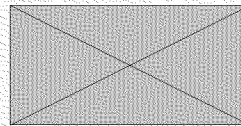
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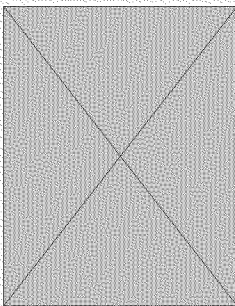
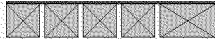
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Transportation reform is needed for Texas to retain its position as a national leader in chemical production and exports, writes Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association. He argues that Texas is falling behind other states by failing to update its heavy-truck policy, which is critical for the chemical industry to transport products to Gulf Coast ports.

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Federal lawmakers are gearing up for a tough battle over the administration's fiscal 2018 spending package as the stopgap funding measure for 2017 left funding for the Environmental Protection Agency relatively the same, say observers. Myron Ebell of the Competitive Enterprise Institute said, "If President Trump is going to convince Congress to reduce the budget of EPA and other agencies, it isn't going to be through a [continuing resolution] and omnibus" and would need to be done through stand-alone appropriations bills.

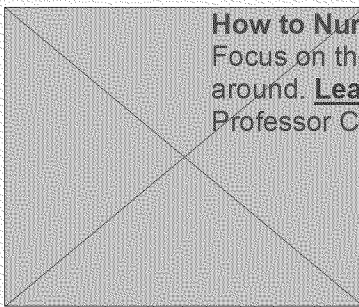
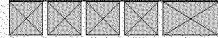
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### ACC: Research raises questions about recent formaldehyde assessments

In light of research disputing the conclusions of a 2010 study of occupational exposure to formaldehyde, the American Chemistry Council says regulatory bodies should re-evaluate their assessments, such as the 2010 Integrated Risk Information System draft. "The findings in this reanalysis are important because they call into question the validity of all these recent formaldehyde assessments," said Kimberly White, senior director of ACC's Formaldehyde Panel.

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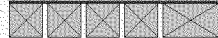
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### Plastic resins exporter mulls \$30M facility near Port of Charleston

Frontier Logistics, a top exporter of plastic resins, is considering a new \$30 million facility in North Charleston, S.C., that would capitalize on the plastics boom at the Port of Charleston. The US produces about 112 billion pounds of resins each year, and shipping bottlenecks are becoming an issue on the Gulf Coast and pushing some distribution to the East Coast, according to the American Chemistry Council.

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### Asian markets driving US chemicals growth

The growing middle class in China and India is driving US chemicals growth, but some question whether there will be enough demand to warrant another wave of domestic expansion.

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### SABIC seeks up to \$6B in chemical M&A, says CEO

Saudi Basic Industries Corp. is looking to invest between \$3 billion and \$6 billion in chemical, specialty chemical and fertilizer acquisitions, said CEO Yousef Abdullah al-Benyan. He added that the company would primarily be seeking petrochemical-related deals in North America and China.

**Reuters (5/2)**

## Naval research team touts nickel-zinc battery

At Naval Research Laboratory team says it has developed a nickel-zinc battery that could serve as a safer alternative to lithium-ion batteries in portable and wearable electronics, and in electric vehicles. **Monsanto backs out of Precision Planting deal with Deere** Reuters (5/11)

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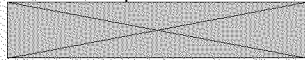
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